(d) whether Government have taken any steps to stop call girls from other countries from coming to Delhi and operating from here?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, during the period from 1st August, 2003 to 31st July, 2004, Delhi Police conducted raids on 5 massage parlours and arrested 21 Indian women under the Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956.

(c) No such proposal is under consideration of the Government. However, Delhi Police keeps a vigil on massage parlours found to be indulging in illegal and undesirable activities.

(d) The Indian Missions in countries from where call girls are reported to be coming to India grant visas to young women only after a personal interview in which their family background and their interest in tourist places in India are ascertained. Production of return ticket, showing the date of their return, is insisted upon and frequency of their visits is also monitored.

Arrest of Bangladeshi nationals from Rajasthan

† 2281. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently in Barmer, Jaisalmer, Bikaner and Ganganagar districts of Rajasthan and in the Indo-Pak border area of Gujarat, a number of Bangladeshi citizens who came to India on a valid passport were apprehended.

(b) whether ISI, the intelligence agency of Pakistan intends to create disorder in India by causing infiltration of such Bangladeshi citizens into Indian territory as per its new strategy:

(c) if so, whether such people have been arrested by the security officials; and

(d) the information which Government have in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) Some Bangladeshi citizen with

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

valid passport have been apprehended in the border area of Rajasthan and Gujarat.

(b) to (d) However, interrogation of the Bangladeshi nationals arrested on the Indo-Pak border has revealed that most of them are illiterate or poorly educated and have been allured by touts/agents to go to Pakistan for better, livelihood. No such information has come to light to link them with ISI activities. The arrested Bangladeshi nationals are deported to Bangladesh after ascertaining that there are no cases pending against them.

Loss of property and human lives due to Floods

2282. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people who died and expected property loss on account of fury of rampaging floods in Bengal, Assam and Bihar this year;

(b) whether every year almost same situation is faced by lakhs of people taking shelter in camps and surging floods entering their huts/ homes; and

(c) the steps proposed to control such floods by inter-connections of rivers at the earliest or by taking other measures?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) 251 persons lost their lives due to floods in Assam and 708 in Bihar. The Government of Assam have assessed the damage at Rs. 1915.67 crore and Bihar at Rs. 10,790.67 crore. Government of West Bengal have not reported any loss of life or property.

(b) and (c) States such as Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, West Bengal and Uttar Pradesh are perennially flood prone State. Ministry of Water Resources, the nodal Ministry, on the directions of the Hon'ble